

SHERMAN EMERY LEE BIOGRAPHY

Sherman E. Lee, director of The Cleveland Museum of Art since 1958, is a widely-recognized authority on Oriental art. He also serves as chief curator of Oriental art at the Museum and is adjunct professor of art at Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Lee is a graduate of American University and earned his doctorate at Western Reserve University. Before joining the Cleveland Museum as curator of Oriental art in 1952, he was associated with the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Seattle Art Museum. He served in the Navy during World War II and between 1946 and 1948 was Advisor on Arts and Monuments at General MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo. In the early 1970's he was invited to serve as chairman of a group of twelve American scholars in the field of Chinese art and archeology spending a month in the People's Republic of China.

He has written numerous books and articles and organized many exhibitions on Far Eastern art. A Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, Dr. Lee has also been awarded the Swedish Order of the Northern Star and the Order of the Sacred Treasure: Third Class, from Japan. He is a trustee of the Asia Society and the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art. In 1982 he received the Art Dealers Association award for outstanding service to the field of art history.